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1880s

Bene and Barbara Hallman House (Site)

Mt. Ephraim Community

Private

This two story log house was built as the home of a Black landowning quarry worker at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain. In plan and construction, the house resembled other log houses of the period. Descendants still own the land and have preserved important artifacts, such as broad axes and a broom-making machine, that this industrious family used. On the site of the log house today is a handsome ranch style house.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bene and Barbara Hallman Log House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Mt. Ephraim Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Ephraim

☒ VICINITY OF Dickerson

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☒ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED  
☐ No

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Paul Wilson

Telephone #: 926-7127

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Ephraim Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 779

Folio #: 22

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Paul Wilson -- grandson of Barbara and Bene Hallman and present owner of the property -- this two story log house was torn down since its bottommost timbers had become termite infested, and the present house, in a handsome contemporary style, was built on the site in the 1960s. Behind the house still stands the meat house that was associated with the original dwelling, along with other outbuildings.

The photograph of the house, in the private possession of Barbara Wilson in the Mt. Ephraim community, shows that this log house was of two bays in length and one in depth. The facade contained a front door and a window with double-hung sashes with six-over-six lights. See the copy of the photograph, included in this survey. The exposed logs in the wall were whitewashed inside and out. According to Paul Wilson, the house faced south. The drawing of the homestead included in this survey shows the relationship of the house to its yards and outbuildings.

Among the artifacts that belonged to Bene Hallman that have been preserved by his grandson, Paul Wilson, are his grandfather's broad ax, scoring ax, and foot adze. He also has the broom-making machine used by his grandfather. These have been photographed and are included in this survey. Also, there are slides of Tilghman Lee of the Sugarland community demonstrating how logs were hewed and he is using Bene Hallman's axes. They are filed with the other slides related to Bene Hallman.

Though the log house of Bene Hallman is no longer standing, the log house that he built on Sugarloaf Mountain for Gordon Strong does remain, and may be seen as an example of his craftsmanship.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black History Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES

1880s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This land was first purchased by Bene Hallman in 1883 from Ephraim Harris. It consisted of 11 acres and two roods, and was purchased for \$230. Harris had acquired the land from Lloyd Nicholson around 1868 (the deed for which was listed in the index under the name of either party). It was at this time, approximately in the early 1880s, that the log house was most likely built.

The tract has had a checkered pattern of ownership. In 1891, the 11 acres was sold for taxes to Samuel S. Hays, who sold the land to John W. Davis in the same year. According to Paul Wilson, both of these men were white. But in 1892 Davis sold the land to Moses Hallman, as recorded in deed JLJ 3/119. Hallman was probably the cousin of Bene Hallman. Nine years later, Bene Hallman purchased the 11 acre 20 square perches from Moses Hallman in DHH 11/613. Thus, he acquires a portion of the land he previously owned. In 1968, Paul Wilson buys the shares of the other heirs of his grandfather in deed 779/22.

The story of Bene and Barbara Hallman is rich. The family tree, included in this survey, is an indication of the number of generations that they and their descendants have lived in the Monocacy River-Sugarloaf Mountain regions. The 1900 U.S. Census gives the birth date of Bene Hallman's grandfather John H. Beall as 1824, and he is identified as a widower. Living with him at that time were three grandchildren: William H. Hallman, born in 1869; James H. Hallman, born in 1868; and Hannah A. Hallman, born in 1874. James and William were identified as "day laborers" for their occupation. The Bene Hallman and his wife Barbara were listed as a separate household. Bene was listed as "day laborer" and was born in 1867 and Barbara in 1872. Their children were: John W. born in 1891; Exie, born in 1894; Virgie M. and Mabel V. (twins) born in 1898. Exie Hallman was the mother of Paul Wilson, the current owner of the site.

According to Paul Wilson, Bene Hallman worked at the Dickerson Quarry. In the attached oral interview, he described some of the experiences of his grandfather related to the quarry. Also working at the quarry were his neighbors in the Mt. Ephraim community, such as Frank Proctor, James Proctor, and Moses Hallman. The second generation -- their sons -- were "track men"; that is, they worked on the B & O Railroad, laying and repairing track. Among those who worked with Paul Wilson's father, Thomas Wilson, were John Proctor (son of William P. Proctor), John Bowie, Charles Bowie, and Thomas Wilson. Paul Wilson recalls that eight men would lift a rail with tongs like large ice hooks, carry it and lay it in place, and then two men would hammer each spike into place in perfect synchrony. They pounded each spike into place "before you could hardly blink your eyes". Other details of the life of these men and women are told in the attached oral interview. See the copies of the family pictures of the Hallman, Spencer, and Stevenson families, including the pictures of the Dickerson quarry and saw mills at Sugarloaf Mountain, copied for this survey.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land records: AF 7/514; JLJ 1/529; JLJ 3/119; DHH 11/613; 779/22.  
 Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.  
 Oral interviews with Paul Wilson, Mt. Ephraim Community, May, 1979.  
 By George McDaniel.

U.S. Census, 1900, Montgomery County; Frederick County.  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION \_\_\_\_\_

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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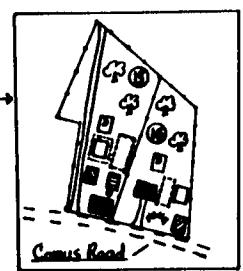
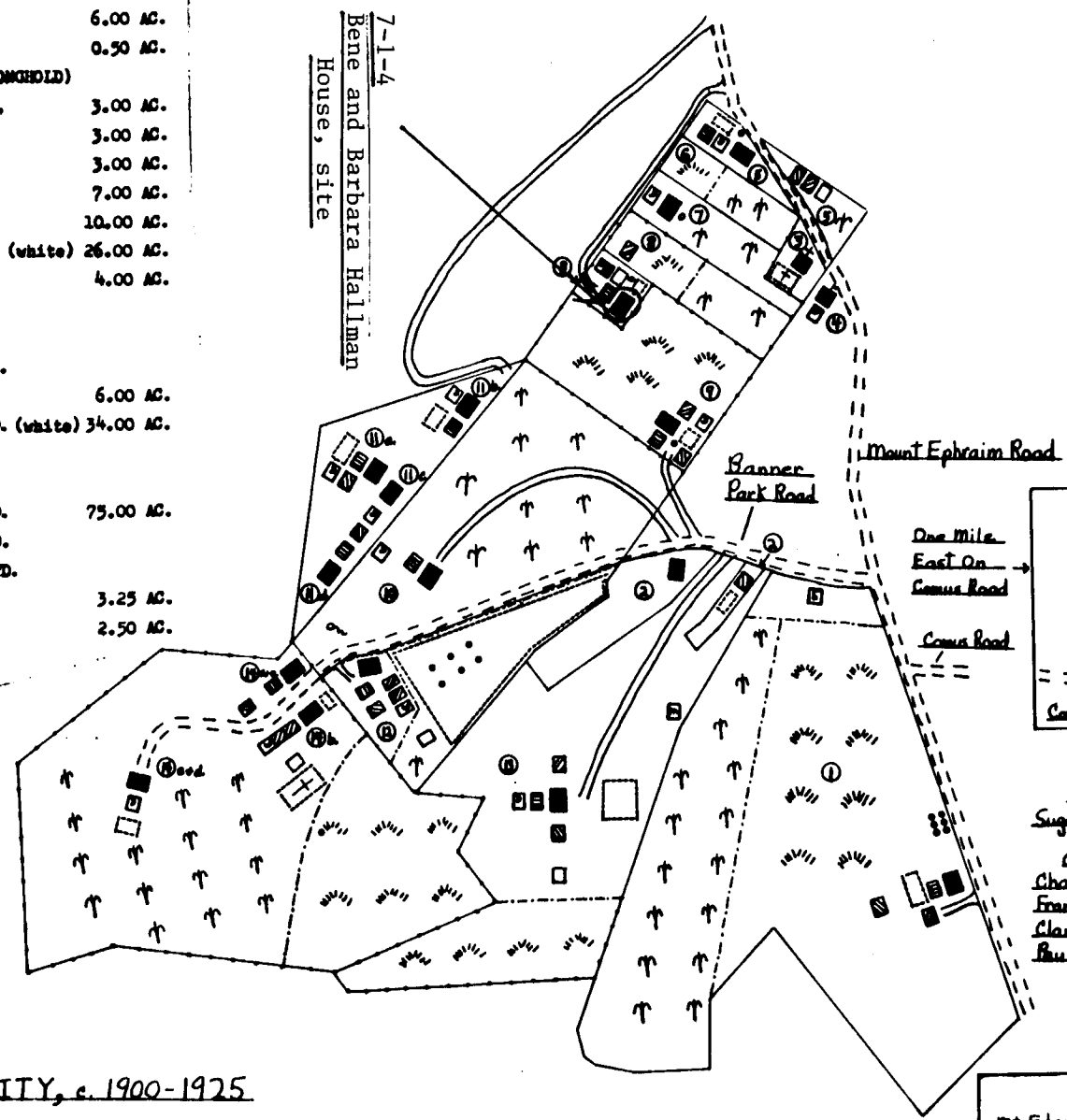
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HEN HOUSE	▨
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CORN/FEED HOUSE	▨
PIG PEN	□
GARDEN	□
PASTURE	~
CORNFIELD	↑
HAY FIELD	~
ORCHARD	•••
FOREST	•••
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STREAM	~
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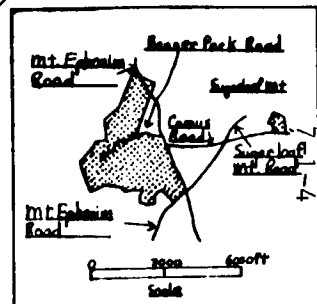
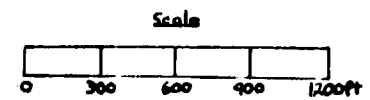
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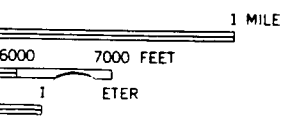
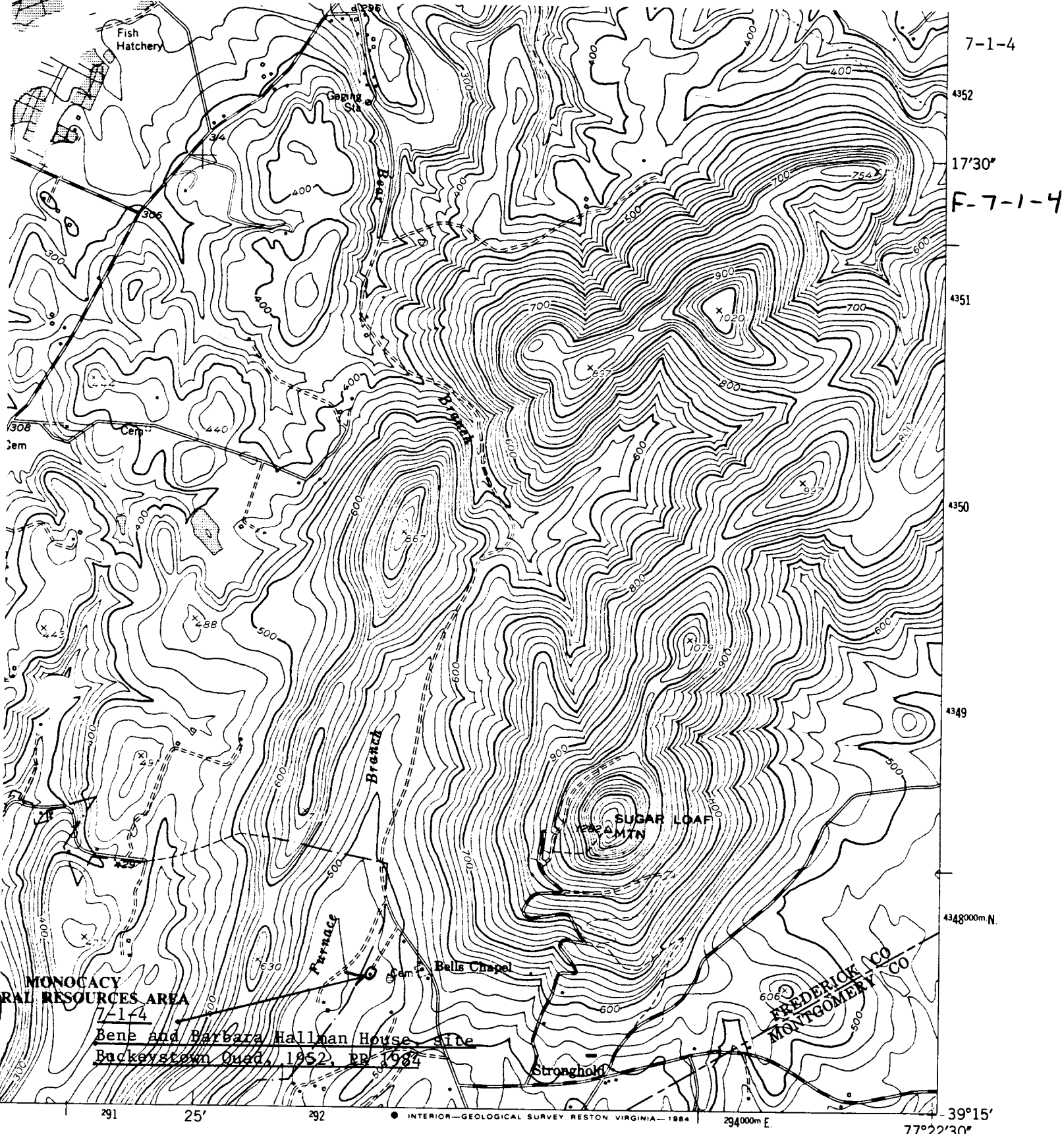
DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
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Steven Doolittle  
Sugarloaf Regional Trails  
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Charlotte Ambush  
Frances Bowie  
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Paul Wilson

## MT EPHRAIM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925





#### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- |                  |       |                 |       |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Heavy-duty       | ————— | Light-duty      | ————— |
| Medium-duty      | ————— | Unimproved dirt | ===== |
| Interstate Route | ⬡     | U. S. Route     | ⬢     |
|                  |       | State Route     | ◯     |

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John Mendenhall Hill

George Washington University

Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Graham Mc

George Washington University

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mc

Sir



Barbara Hallman

Barbara Hallman Standing in  
front of Bere Hallman house

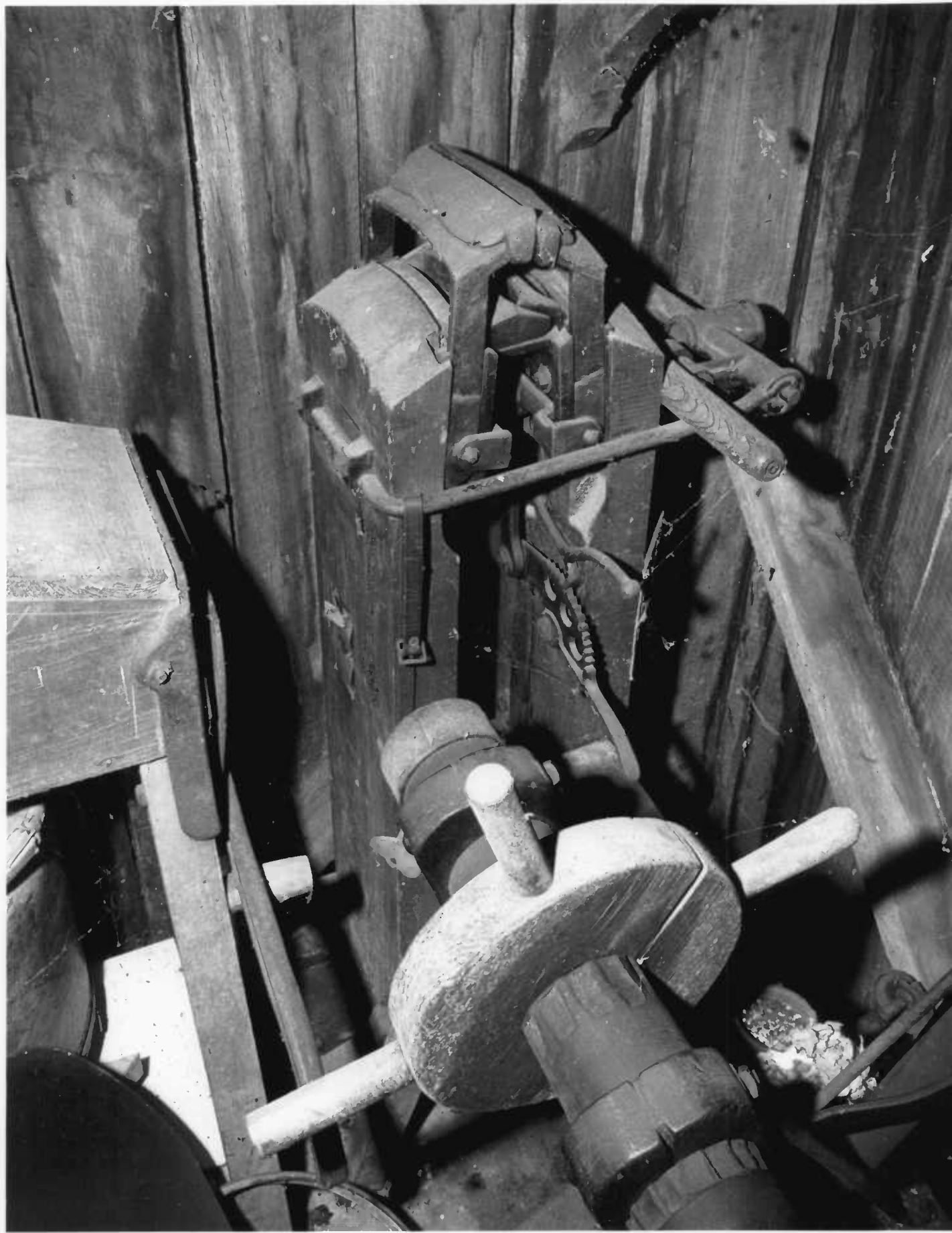
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Broom-making machine of Gene Hallman

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Broom-making machine of Bere Hallman

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Five Generations



Martha Spencer



Barbara Hallman



Mable Wilson



Virginia Wilson



Arlene



Five Generations of the  
Spencer - Hallman - Wilson family

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John Wilson - Garfield Spencer

John Wilson & Garfield  
Spencer (of Greenfield Mills)  
Butchering that Wilson had  
raised on his land near  
Sugarloaf Mountain.

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Paul Wilson holding adze +  
broad ~~axe~~ axe of Bene  
Hallman

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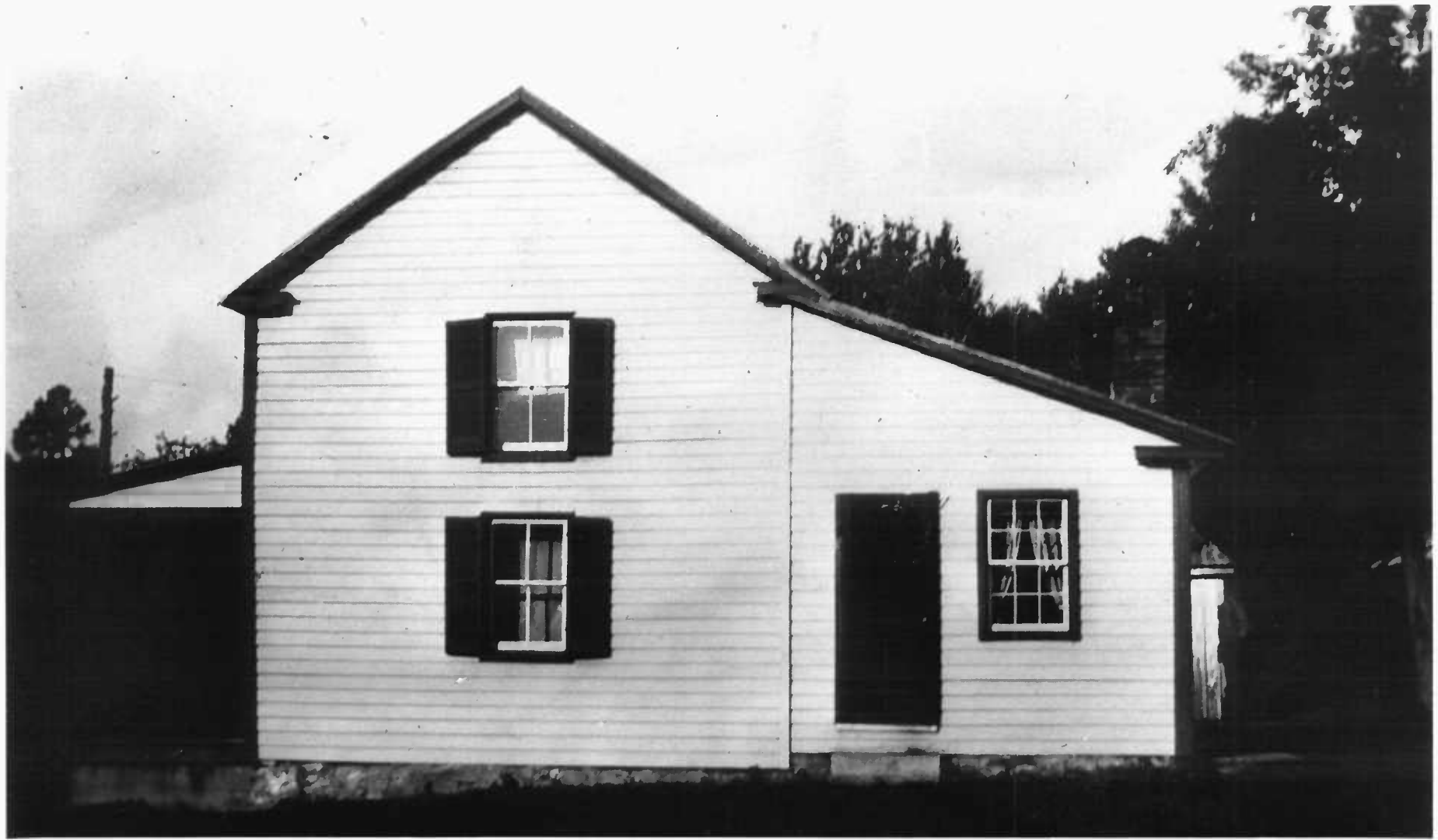
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mother of John Stevenson, father of  
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Barbara Hallman

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David Wilson with  
Margaret Grier and her  
daughter Doris.

M.G. was the niece of Mrs.  
Gordon Strong. Wilson worked  
~~was the chauffeur~~  
for the Strong family for 48  
years.

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Paul Wilson house  
Northeast elevation  
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Paul Wilson house  
South east elevation  
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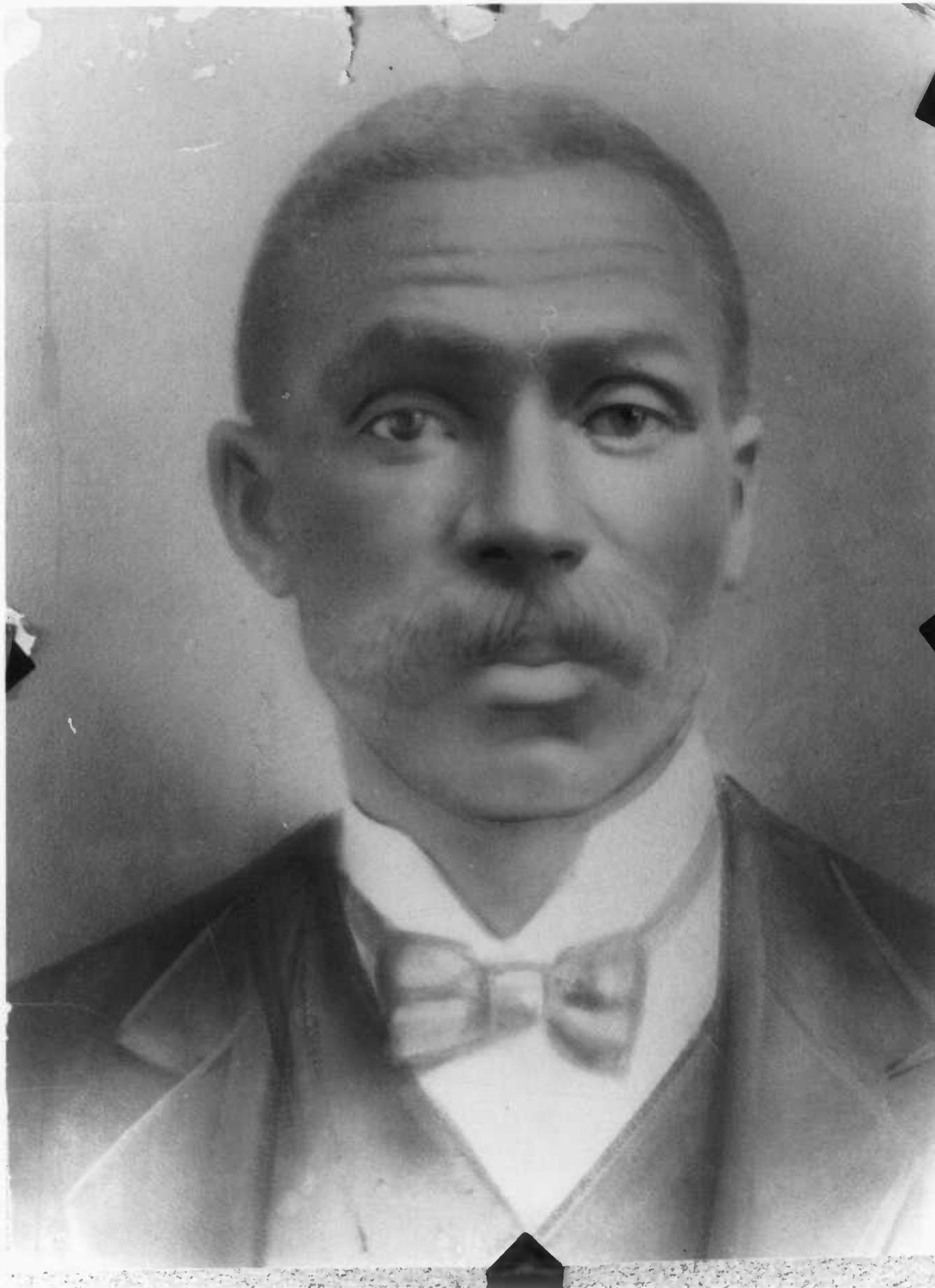
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~~Paul Wilson house~~

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Bene Hallman

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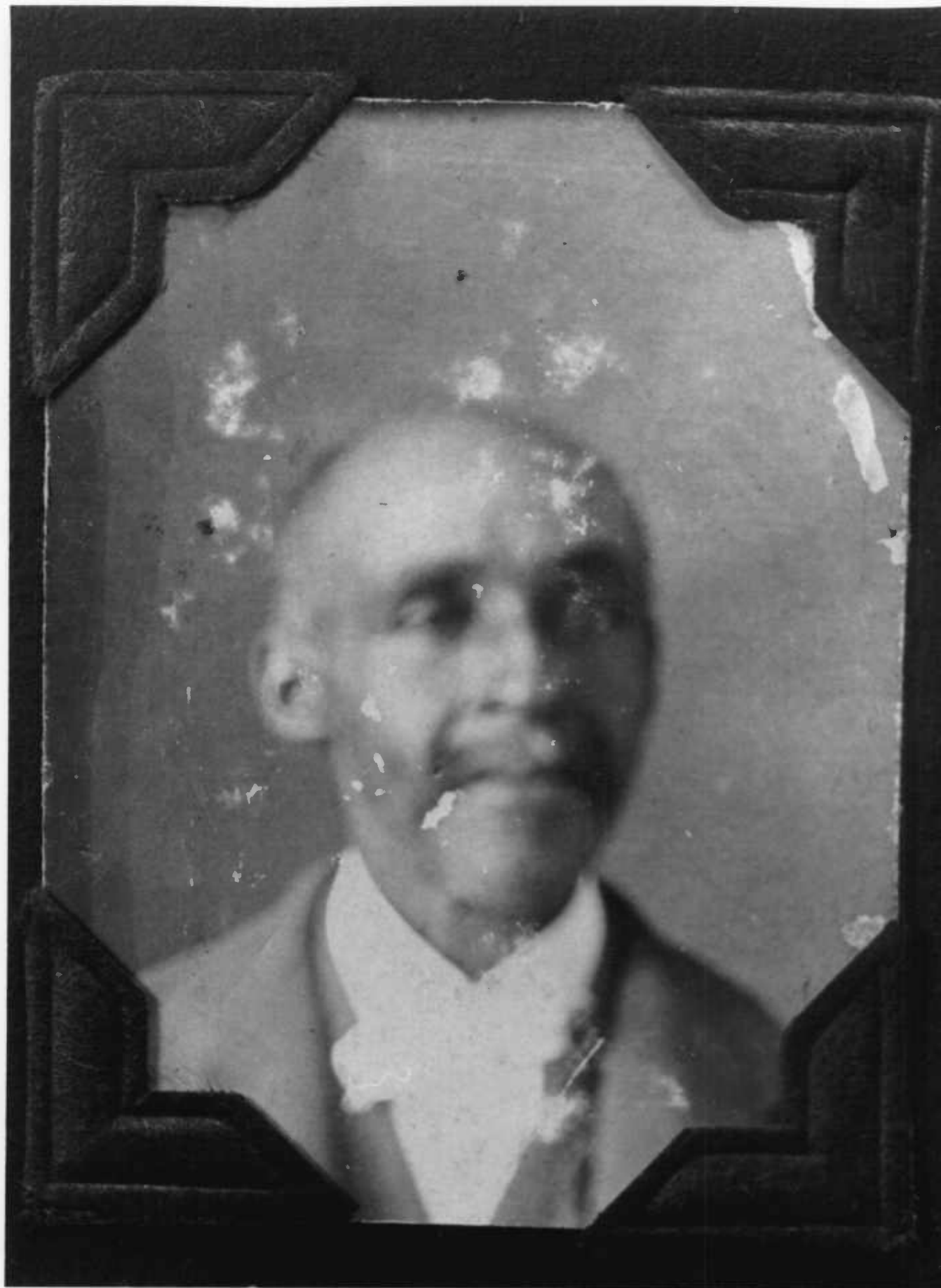
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Roy Calvin

Roy Calvin Hallman

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Mable & Virgie



Standing: Mable Hallman Wilson, mother of Barbara  
Seated: Virgie Hallman Wilson

Both ~~are~~<sup>were</sup> wives of John Wilson

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